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The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Chairman
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Murphy
Ranking Member
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
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Dear Chairman Hyde-Smith and Ranking Member Murphy:

Thank you for your continued leadership on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee. We write to encourage you to end the practice of automatic pay raises for Congress, and to start this year. There is no reason members of Congress should receive an increase in their taxpayer-funded salaries, especially when there are so many issues important to American families that we should be focused on instead.

As you prepare to consider the Fiscal Year 2020 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, we respectfully ask that you include the following proposed language:

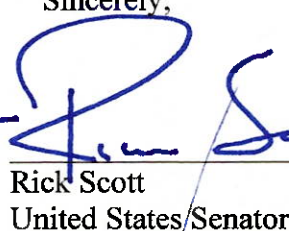
Language Title: Provision prohibiting Member pay adjustments

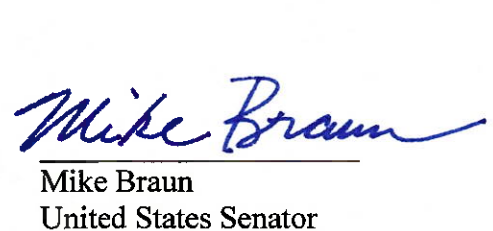
Proposed Language: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no adjustment shall be made under section 610(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress) during fiscal year 2020.

It is not fair that government is held to a different standard than the rest of America, and we hope that all members can get behind this common-sense provision that saves tax dollars and puts hardworking American families first. Please do not hesitate to contact the offices of Senator Sinema or Senator Scott if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senator


Rick Scott
United States Senator


Mike Braun
United States Senator